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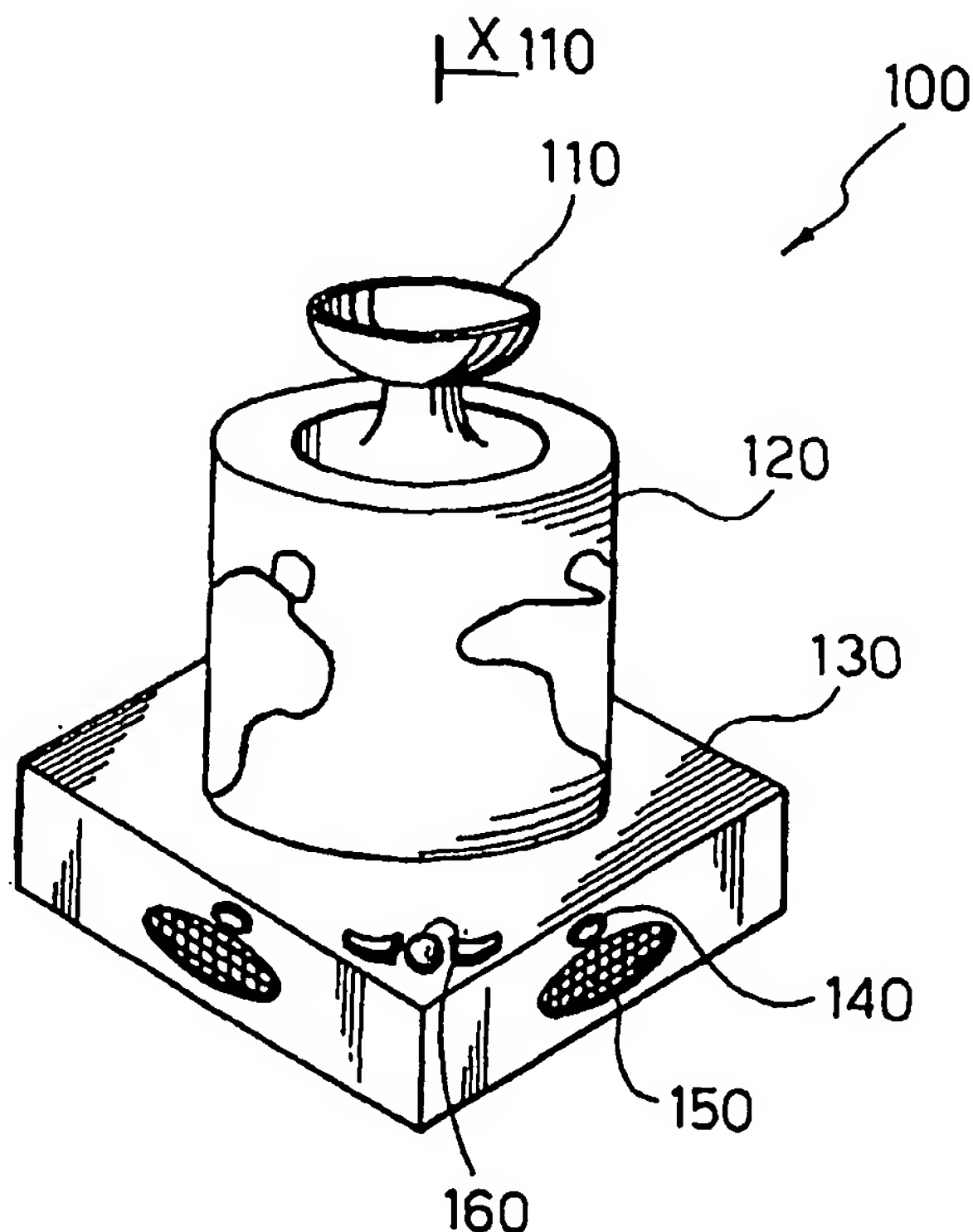
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(57) Abstract: A device for viewing images (100), for example for videoconference facilities, comprises a substantially continuous viewing surface (120) having a plurality of directions of frontal observation distributed in continuous fashion in an angular field of observation. Preferably, the angular field of observation is no smaller than 180° and in particularly preferred fashion it is substantially equal to 360°.



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